



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Word and Sacrament
Sunday, August 2nd, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

☒ *Please rise, as you are able.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Largo from "Xerxes"
Aria *G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

☒ **Introit** Rejoice in the Lord always *Anonymous*
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
—Philippians 4, 4

☒ **Hymn 103** Immortal, invisible, God only wise *ST. DENIO*

☒ **Opening Prayer** *(in unison)*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lesson Genesis 1: 1-4, 26-27

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, verses 1-4 and 26-27:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem from *Die Schöpfung* *Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

Rezitativ (Uriel)

Und Gott sprach:
Es sei'n Lichter an der Feste des Himmels,
um den Tag von der Nacht zu scheiden,
und Licht auf der Erde zu geben,
und es sei'n diese für Zeichen und für Zeiten,
und für Tage und für Jahre.
Er machte die Sterne gleichfalls.

Rezitativ (Uriel)

In vollem Glanze
steiget jetzt die Sonne strahlend auf;
ein wonnevoller Bräutigam, ein Riese,
stolz und froh, zu rennen seine Bahn.
Mit leisem Gang und sanftem Schimmer
schleicht der Mond die stille Nacht hindurch.
Den ausgedehnten Himmelsraum
ziert ohne Zahl der hellen Sterne Gold,
und die Söhne Gottes verkündigten
den vierten Tag mit himmlischem Gesang,
seine Macht ausrufend also:

Chor mit Soli:

CHOR
Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes.
Und seiner Hände Werk
zeigt an das Firmament.

Recitative (Uriel)

And God said:
Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven
to divide the day from the night,
and to give light upon the earth;
and let them be for signs and for seasons,
and for days, and for years.
He made the stars also.

Recitative (Uriel)

In splendour bright
is rising now the sun and darts his rays;
an am'rous joyful happy spouse, a giant
proud and glad, to run his measur'd course.
With softer beams and milder light steps
on the silver moon through silent night.
The space immense of th' azure sky
innum'rous host of giant orbs adorns.
And the sons of God announced
the fourth day in song divine,
proclaiming thus his power:

Chorus with Solo:

CHORUS
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of his works
displays the firmament.

GABRIEL, URIEL, RAPHAEL
Dem kommenden Tage sagt es der Tag,
die Nacht, die verschwand,
der folgenden Nacht.

CHOR
Die Himmel erzählen . . .

GABRIEL, URIEL, RAPHAEL
In alle Welt ergeht das Wort,
jedem Ohre klingend,
keiner Zunge fremd.

CHOR
Die Himmel erzählen . . .

GABRIEL, URIEL, RAPHAEL
*To day, that is coming, speaks it the day;
the night, that is gone,
to following night.*

CHORUS
The heavens are telling . . .

GABRIEL, URIEL, RAPHAEL
*In all the land resounds the word,
never unperceived,
ever understood.*

CHORUS
The heavens are telling . . .

—Baron Gottfried von Swieten, text and translation

Psalm 104: 24-35

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

♪ **Antiphon** *(sung by all)*



Cantor: O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

People: *Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.*

Cantor: There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

People: *These all look to you to give them their food in due season;*

Cantor: when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

(over)

People: *When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.*

Cantor: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

People: *May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —*

Cantor: who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

People: *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

Cantor: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

People: *Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD. ♪

✦ **Gloria Patri** *(sung by all)*

The music to this hymn may be found on page 559 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 4.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

✦ **Gospel Lesson** John 3: 1-17

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 3,
verses 1-17:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of

Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon 'Always Evolving' Rev. Dr. Charles D. Yoost
Pastor, Church of the Saviour
Cleveland Heights, OH

✘ **Hymn** God, You spin the whirling planets AUSTRIAN HYMN

1. God, You spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in Your image, Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy And the truth that makes us free.
2. You have called us to be faithful In our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship Joined in one community.
When we blur Your gracious image, Focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as Your people, We move onward toward Your goal.
3. God, Your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

—Jane Parker Huber, 1978

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory from *Die Schöpfung*

Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Chor
Vollendet ist das große Werk,
des Herren Lob sei unser Lied!
Alles lobe seinen Namen,
denn er allein ist hoch erhaben,
alleluja, alleluja.

Chorus
*Achieved is the glorious work.
Our song let be the praise of God.
Glory to his name forever;
he sole on high exalted reigns,
alleluia, alleluia.*

—Baron Gottfried von Swieten, text and translation

✘ **Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*)

CWM RHONDDA

The music to this hymn may be found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Celebrant: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

✘ **Confession of Sin**

All: Merciful God
*we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love towards us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

✦ Exchange of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

People: *And also with you.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

✦ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Savior.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life;
you made us in your image and called us to new life in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and saying:

(over)

✦ Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by all)*

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho -
sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na!

✦ Words of Institution

Celebrant: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

